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Mr. Joshua Lederberg Professor of Genetics Stanford University School of Medicine Stanford Medical Center Palo Alto, California 94304

Dear Josh:

You don't know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me about Dr. Hollaender. I have considered Walsh McDermott and, in fact, discussed this matter with Walsh earlier but found he was not available.

I have taken further steps in asking the Academy of Sciences to suggest individuals to me and there are many prospects for greater possibilities at the present time.

I was somewhat disturbed to read the quote that was carried in a report concerning a brief given by you. You were quoted as having said that regulations should be changed in order to permit further studies of LSD in humans. There has never been a cessation of human research with LSD and at the present time there are a number of projects under way. Again, my best.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Goddard, M.D. Commissioner of Food and Drugs

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